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(U) Turlock – 23 Arrested in Norteños Street Gang Investigation

(U) More than 20 people have been arrested in a months-long investigation into the Norteños street gang in the Turlock area, officials announced yesterday. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office said the investigation began after a home invasion robbery in Turlock on 17 March. Together with the Turlock Police Department and Central Valley Impact Task Force, investigators focused on three Norteño gang subsets in the Turlock area, "Turlocos," "Familia Unida," and "Varrio West Side Turlock." So far, the investigation resulted in 23 arrests and the seizure of 18 firearms, \$19,800 in cash, two-pounds of methamphetamine, 786 marijuana plants, 19.4-pounds of processed marijuana, 293 prescription pills, and 4.9-grams of cocaine. Investigators say they uncovered evidence of robberies, home invasions, drug sales, weapons sales and street gang activity.

SOURCE: 23 December 2020, [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – China Allegedly Demanded Chinese Tech Companies to Process Stolen Data

(U) Washington DC – China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) has reportedly demanded that big tech companies in the nation process stolen data for Chinese intelligence agencies, including data stolen from the US, according to a report from the publication Foreign Policy. The outlet spoke to 36 current and former US officials who told the publication that the nation's spy services order Chinese firms that are equipped with tools to handle large amounts of data to process sets of stolen information, according to the report. That includes data stolen in the 2015 breach of the US Office of Personnel Management, per the outlet, as well as recent Chinese hacker attacks on Marriot, Equifax, and US healthcare giant Anthem.

SOURCE: 23 December 2020, [Business Insider](#)

(U) Florida – USCG Repatriates 110 Haitians Aboard Overloaded Boat

(U) Miami – More than 100 Haitians who were attempting to leave the country aboard an overloaded 40-foot boat were apprehended at sea and repatriated on Tuesday by the US Coast Guard (USCG). According to the 7th District Southeast in Miami, the USCG Cutter Resolute crew repatriated 110 Haitian migrants who were crammed aboard a wooden vessel. The group was stopped about 50 miles north of Cap-Haitien, Haiti, after a USCG Air Station Clearwater MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew spotted them in the water. Resolute's crew diverted and brought the people aboard "out of abundance of caution for safety of life at sea," the Coast Guard said.

SOURCE: 23 December 2020, [Miami Herald](#)

(U) Michigan – Woman Charged in Threats Against Michigan Election Official

(U) Detroit – A woman angry with a Detroit-area Republican election official sent photos of a dead body and threatened her family after a clamorous meeting at which the official initially refused to certify results in favor of Joe Biden, authorities said yesterday. Katelyn Jones, 23, was charged with making a threat of violence. She sent a series of disturbing messages by phone and on social media that referred

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to Monica Palmer of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers as a terrorist and racist, according to an FBI court filing. Jones admitted making the threats when interviewed by agents Tuesday because she felt Palmer was “interfering with the election,” according to the affidavit.

SOURCE: 23 December 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Pakistan – Court Orders Release of Man Charged in Daniel Pearl Killing

(U) Karachi – A provincial court in Pakistan today ordered the man charged in the 2002 murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl freed, his defense lawyer said. The Sindh High Court's release order overturns a decision by Pakistan's top court that Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the key suspect in Pearl's slaying, should remain in custody, his lawyer said. Sheikh was acquitted of murdering Pearl earlier this year but has been held while Pearl's family appeal the acquittal. The Sindh High Court acquitted him and three others, a move that stunned the US government, Pearl's family, and journalism advocacy groups.

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